Jamboree 2000

Certainly one of the very best events on the 4WD calendar, Jamboree 2000 was even bigger and better than in the past - and that's saying something.

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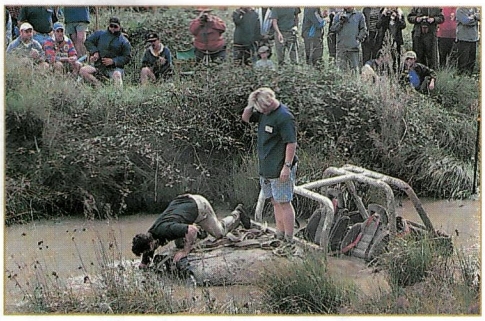
Forget chasing Easter eggs at Easter. If you have any spirit of adventure and you happen to drive a 4WD, there's only one place to be. Jamboree, or the NSW 4WD Clubs' Jamboree to be more precise has been a feature event on the 4WD calendar for more than 20 years and anyone who has ever made it along to one (and there are plenty who have) will tell you that this is about as good as it gets.

This year's Jamboree was the biggest yet and the number of entrants - about 550 vehicles over the long weekend - and a crowd of over 3000 people meant made for a non-stop action event. Bushdriver's own Ric Williams Jnr was so impressed with the turnout that he reckons it's the best event of its type in the country and certainly the most enjoyable from his point of view. Although he didn't come back laden with trophies, the experience in his opinion was well worth the price of admission.

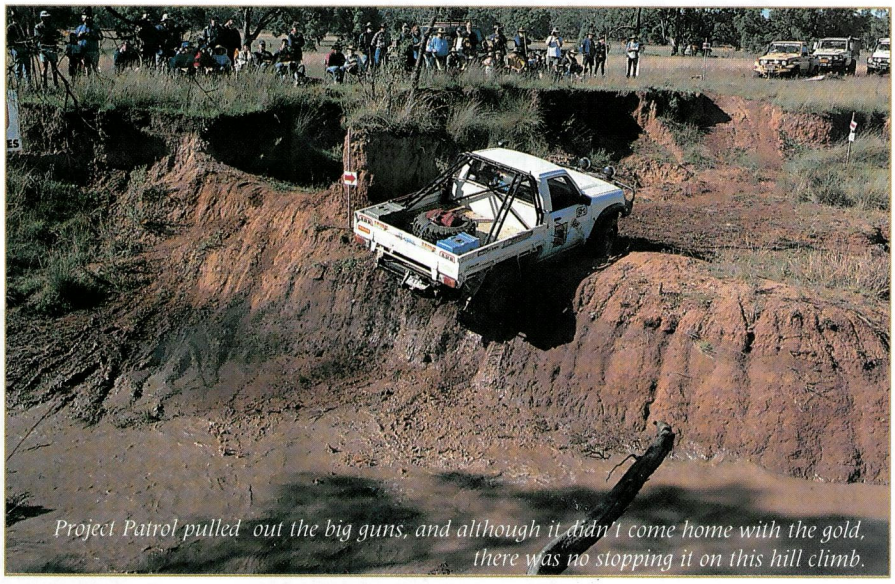


Families and kids were well catered for and those with a competitive nature, the right machine and even a little bit of luck really couldn't have asked for more.

Held in the state's north west near Dunedoo, the Jamboree attracted vehicles of all makes, models and with all manner of modifications. Categories exist for everything from standard vehicles to those that have been significantly modified and individual events suited some better than others.

Always conducted in a good natured atmosphere, competition was fierce and there were plenty of outstanding performances in every category throughout the weekend. Be it the hill climb, bog hole or the wheel travel ramp (specialist vehicles only need apply here), there were plenty of heroes and the assembled crowd were never left yawning.

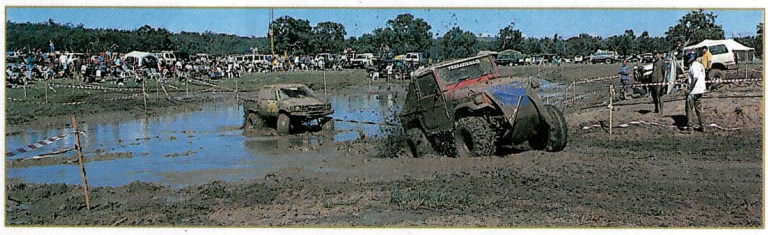
Our Project Patrol put in a big showing in the climbing events, but even with a big result in the hill climb, just couldn't quite bring home the gold.



Project Patrol pulled out the big guns, and although it didn't come home with the gold, there was no stopping it on this hill climb.

In the team events too, things were going well through the infamous bog hole, but car three in the team struck trouble in the mud and the Gold Eagle Club ran away with the event.

This year's was the longest Jamboree to date - four days - but it was still barely enough time to fit in all of the planned activities. The action quite literally did not stop, even after the sun was long down, flood lights were fired up and the action continued. The bog hole was turned into the venue for 'mud drags' under lights and the crowd were entertained not only by those able to put the foot flat and punch through the swamp, but equally by those who got stuck and had to perform recovery work under the toughest conditions imaginable.



The infamous Bog Hole claimed more than its fair share of victims over the course of the event.

As an event, the Jamboree was an outstanding success. Full credit goes to the All Wheel Drive Club (hosts of this year's event) and all those involved in the organisation of the event. Whether you were after non-stop action, or just kicking back watching the others go at it, the Jamboree had something for everyone and every age.